

RAILROAD RATE BILL PASSED BY SENATE

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Recorded Against the Measure.

VOTE ON FINAL PASSAGE 71 TO 3

Words "In Its Judgment," Hitherto
Considered Essential, Struck
From Bill -- Pipe Lines Made
Common Carriers.

Washington, D. C. — After nine weeks of debate the Railroad Rate Bill was passed by the Senate a few minutes before 5 o'clock p. m. by a vote of 71 to 3. The Senators who voted against it being Foraker, Morgan and Pettus. All three have been aggressively hostile to the bill from the first. Senator Foraker believes the Government has no right to attempt to regulate railroad rates. Messrs. Morgan and Pettus believe the Hepburn bill is an invasion of the rights of the States. The three believe the measure will prove a disappointment to the public.

Colleagues made known the attitude of eleven absent Senators, announcement being made that Aldrich, Dubois, Burrows, Patterson, Platt, Sutherland, Warren, Kittredge, Money, Gamble and Hepburn if present would vote "aye."

No statement of position was made in regard to Senators Dewey, Gordon and Proctor, who were absent, but paired on political questions. Senator Burton was absent and unpaired, as he has been since conviction of a crime in the Federal courts.

It is just eighty-one days since Mr. Tillman reported the bill out of the Interstate Commerce Committee to the Senate. In those eighty-one days there has been such a debate as has no precedent in recent years.

Party lines have been wiped out in the enactment of this legislation, though they have in some measure influenced action upon different features of the measure. With only three Senators and seven Representatives casting their votes against it, neither party can lay claim to exclusive credit, and neither is doing so.

How the New Rate Law Will Regulate the Railroads

Washington, D. C. — The Rate bill, if sustained by the United States Supreme Court, will make Governmental control of the railroads reasonably effective. The measure is not nearly so drastic as Senators Tillman and La Follette sought to make it. It is considered a good conservative step in the direction of compelling transportation companies to desist from discrimination.

The bill empowers the Interstate Commerce Commission, comprising five members as at present, to fix a maximum rate whenever it is alleged that a charge made by a railroad company is unjust or unreasonable. The commission may enforce its orders through the courts.

These rates, so fixed, may be reviewed to fullest extent by courts. Before rate can be suspended, preliminary decree notice of five days and hearing before three judges are necessary.

Rate fixed and passed upon goes into effect within thirty days and may remain in force for two years.

Commission may fix joint through rates and part rail and part water rates.

Railroads and carriers are prohibited from dealing in commodities they carry.

Pipe lines, private car lines, express companies and palace car companies are made common carriers.

Rebates are punished by imprisonment to either party or fines of from \$1000 to \$20,000.

A person soliciting or compelling a rebate may also be fined three times the amount of rebate.

Railroads must keep uniform set of books, accessible to commission at all times.

Railroads must also make uniform reports.

Giving of interstate passes except in stated cases prohibited.

Commissions may compel switch and siding connections.

After rate commission made is suspended or injunction made permanent appeal shall lie direct to the Supreme Court.

Damage done to goods sent over a joint through route shall be borne by the initial carrier.

FOR SEA LEVEL CANAL.

Senate Committee Votes Six to Four in Favor of That Type.

Washington, D. C. — The Senate Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals voted 6 to 4 in favor of the sea level type for the Panama Canal.

The committee was divided, five for sea level and five for a lock canal, with Messrs. Gorman and Carmack absent.

Mr. Carmack was present and voted for sea level, and Mr. Simmons, who before had favored the other type, asked to be excused from voting.

General Assembly Platform Collapsed.

Crowded platform at the Presbyterian General Assembly, at Des Moines, Iowa, collapsed and five ministers were injured.

Bermuda Invites Americans.

Bermuda seeks to attract Americans by permitting aliens to own real estate.

Two Die in Canoe Duel.

W. A. Thompson and Isadore Bonchard are dead in Heien Lake, near Ottawa, Canada, after a duel in a canoe. Quarreling over a girl, they overturned the boat, and, climbing on the top of it, continued a hand-to-hand struggle until both sank exhausted and were drowned.

Militia Ordered Out.

Four companies of militia were ordered from Albany to quell race riots at Coeymans, N. Y.

GREAT FOREST FIRES DEVASTATE MICHIGAN

Seven Villages, With 3200 Population, Destroyed.

MANY LIVES SUPPOSED LOST

Financial Losses Are Heavy -- Millions of Feet of Pine Lumber Burned or Too Badly Damaged to Be of Use.

Milwaukee, Wis. — Advice received from Northern Michigan indicate that the worst forest fire since Phillips was destroyed in 1894 is raging in the Upper Peninsula.

Latest advices are that a tract thirty miles square, including the northern half of Hemenway County, the eastern portion of Dickinson County and the western part of Delta County, has been devastated.

Six villages were reported to have been destroyed, and the loss of life has been heavy.

Efforts to obtain details of the losses have proved almost unavailing, as all telegraph and telephone communication with the fire swept district has been destroyed. Escabana, Delta County, which telegraphed the news of the fire, has been isolated. Iron Mountain, the centre of the great Menominee Range iron district, the county seat of Dickinson County, has also been cut off.

The greatest damage from fires appears to be between Menominee and Escabana. There is a string of towns along the northwestern line which seem to have been swept by the flames coming out of the woods which surround them. Dispatches from Menominee say the flames could be seen for twenty-five miles and a pall of smoke hung over that city, though it is twenty miles or more away from the scene.

The towns of Quinnesec, Shafter, Saunders and Talbot are said to have suffered severely. Saunders and Shafter are believed to have been destroyed, and it is feared there is much loss of life. Talbot was badly damaged, but was not destroyed.

The town of Daggett called for assistance from Menominee, but later countermanded the request, as the danger had been averted. Quinnesec is a town of 1000 inhabitants and is the site of big paper mills. The latest report received was that the town was burning.

The fires seem to reach from about twenty miles above Menominee almost to Escabana, and to have swept over a wide section of the country. Most of this territory is heavily wooded, some sections being virgin forest into which an ax has never been swung. Other parts are what are known as barrens and contain iron ranges.

In all these parts there are settlers living on small farms and there will be great loss of life among this class, as the fires passed along so swiftly, leaving from one place to another, as to give little time for escape unless the settler was forewarned.

The financial loss through these fires will be enormous, as millions and millions of feet of standing timber will be burned or so badly damaged as to make it useless for market. How high the losses in this respect will run is a subject on which it is useless to speculate at this time, but it will be very heavy.

CHILD'S THRILLING ESCAPE.

Obeys Fireman's Command and Cars Pass Over Her.

Lockhaven, Pa. — "Lie down! Lie down!" screamed Fireman Harry Hoover from the pilot of his fast-flying locomotive here to a little tot standing on the rails in front of the train, and the little one fell like a small log and lay still while the entire Beech Creek locomotive swept over her and came to a stop three train lengths beyond. The child was uninjured.

The heavy train, with Engineer E. J. Morrison in charge, and with Harry Hoover across the cab from him, was behind time, and dashed around the big curve at Lockhaven at frightful speed. Far ahead they saw a little mite of humanity standing on the track. Like a flash Hoover was out on the running board, crawling to the pilot, whence he hoped to reach down and perhaps sweep the little one from the track, but he was too late. He was able to get only one foot on the pilot when the train was about on the little one, who stood staring.

ALEXANDER BERKMAN FREE.

Detectives Follow Frick's Assistant From Jail to Shadow Him.

Pittsburg, Pa. — Alexander Berkman, who made an attempt on the life of Henry Clay Frick during the great steel strike at Homestead, Pa., in 1892, was released from prison, having served thirteen years in the Western Penitentiary and one year in the Allegheny Workhouse. Berkman was sentenced to serve twenty-three years' imprisonment.

Deputy Superintendent Johnson, of the Allegheny Police Department, and three Pittsburgh detectives met Berkman upon his release and notified him to leave the city at once.

Hounded by spies of H. C. Frick, who will shadow him for life, Berkman boarded a train for St. Louis. Two police officers in the millionaire's pay boarded the same train. It is said the millionaire is to pay \$10,000 a year to these shadows.

RETIRE AFTER TAINTED GIFTS.

Miss Bird Disapproves Action of Smith College Trustees.

Northampton, Mass. — Because the college trustees have accepted gifts from John D. Rockefeller and Andrew Carnegie, Mary E. Bird, for nineteen years an instructor in the astronomical department of Smith College, tendered her resignation.

Miss Bird will prepare a formal statement of her position to be read at the commencement exercises in June.

BITS OF NEWS

WASHINGTON.

A trade-mark treaty between the United States and Roumania has been ordered favorably reported by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

Congressman and Mrs. Longworth arranged for their departure for England on June 2.

Hope of getting Philippine tariff bill out of Senate committee during present session has been abandoned.

Howard University has chosen as president Rev. Wilbur P. Thickfield, of Atlanta.

A bill providing for a delegate from Alaska in Congress was approved by the President.

Secretary Shaw discussed with the Senate Finance Committee a bill permitting the Treasury Department to hold \$100,000,000 in gold bullion, instead of \$50,000,000, as at present.

The House Committee on Territories has approved the bill granting the Alaska Central Railway 800 acres of land and relieving it of the license tax of \$100 a mile.

The President sent to Congress the report of the International Waterways Commission on the Preservation of Niagara Falls, recommendations being made for the restriction of the amount of water to be diverted for power purposes.

OUR ADOPTED ISLANDS.

E. R. Stackable, Collector of Customs at Honolulu, Hawaii, has sailed on a six months' leave of absence, during which he will act as agent for the Territorial Board of Immigration and visit the Azores and Italy to secure immigrants to supply the demand for labor.

Felipe Cuevas, Collector of Customs at Mayaguez, Porto Rico, was drowned. He was a prominent politician and a great admirer of American institutions. During the Spanish regime he was persecuted for his Americanism and for opposing the Government.

The presence of numerous Japanese in the Philippines in the character of peddlers, who are said to be exploring various towns and making maps of the country, enrages the people of the provinces.

Sugar supplies four-fifths of the annual value of shipments from Porto Rico to the United States, and in the fiscal year 1905 including molasses, was valued at \$12,176,861, against \$1,454,213 in 1895.

A band of Salvadors, long-haired religious fanatics, known as "Fuzzy Wuzzies," looted the town of Malasita, in the province of Pangasinan, P. I.

H. B. Dunbar, a hotel man, will erect a hotel to cost half a million dollars at Manila, P. I.

DOMESTIC.

The northeast wing of the Chicago City Hall has been ordered abandoned as unsafe.

The Methodist Episcopal Church South is considering a new statement of doctrinal faith.

Josephine Terranova, the seventeen-year-old bride who stabbed to death her uncle and aunt that ruined her, was put on trial in New York City for the murder of the aunt.

Miss Clara Reckers, twenty years old, died at Richmond, Ind., of poisoning, as a result of eating spinach and strawberry shortcake and cream.

D. M. Parry, retiring president of the National Association of Manufacturers, defended the United States Senate and the Federal courts virtually against the President.

Kansas Socialists have nominated a full State ticket, headed by Harry Gilman, of Oswego, for Governor.

The South Carolina Bankers' Association favors a law for an auditing commission to examine the accounts and transactions of all corporations in the State.

Efforts will be made to continue the Traders' Fire Insurance Company, of Chicago, which lost heavily in the San Francisco calamity, by assessing the stockholders.

All liquor licenses in San Francisco have been revoked.

Rear-Admiral Robley D. Evans, in a report to the Navy Department, favored Sunday baseball for his sailors.

A committee of the New York Bar Association took testimony as to David B. Hill's connection with the Equitable Life as its counsel under a retainer of \$5000 a year. He said his relations with the society were purely legal.

FOREIGN.

Thousands of Zulus are reported on the way to join the forces of the rebellious chief, Bambata. A colonial force is endeavoring to prevent the junction.

German troops are reported to have pursued the rebel Marengo into British territory, and the Cape government has entered a formal protest.

Professor Mourmontseff, president of the Russian Parliament, was received in audience by the Emperor.

A motion of the labor party in the Russian Parliament to demand immediate amnesty from the Emperor was with difficulty defeated.

Baron Iswolsky left Copenhagen to become Russian Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Count Witte submitted a demand for amnesty of political prisoners, which was incorporated in the reply to the Czar's address.

The president of the British Cotton Growers' Association said that large imports had been engaged in West Africa, which would soon, he believed, supply all the cotton needed for the Lancashire mills.

Although Count Boni de Castellane was elected to the French Chamber of Deputies from the Department of the Lower Alps, his majority was so small that the feeling against him runs high, and many charges of fraud are being made.

After prolonged negotiations the copyright convention with the United States was signed at Tokio, Japan.

In a dispatch from Tokio to the London Daily Telegraph it is asserted that China is about to bring off a coup d'etat with regard to the organization of all the railways in the empire.

SENT OUT ON RUSH ORDERS

Marines Sent Forward Pending
Possible Trouble

UNCLE SAM MAY BE RESISTED

Men Ordered Aboard the Cruiser Columbia, Which Will be Rushed to the Country of Frequent Revolutions.

Norfolk, Va., Special.—Hurry Orders from Washington caused some excitement in naval circles. While officials declined to talk, it was learned that a draft of 75 marines, picked from the barracks at the yard and guard of the battleship Texas, had been ordered to the cruiser Columbia, now at the League Island naval station, for services in Santo Domingo. The men left on the Pennsylvania railroad in charge of Lieut. Rea and Second Lieut. Valte.

The hurry change of orders is taken to mean that trouble is brewing in Santo Domingo and the government is sending its fastest cruiser with a draft of picked men to look after American interests in the country of frequent revolutions.

Will Oppose Uncle Sam.

San Juan, Puerto Rico, By Cable.—The United States revenue cutter Algonquin has been ordered to watch the Mona passage, the channel between Santo Domingo and Puerto Rico, and to search Mona Island for Dominican revolutionists, who are reported to have left the Danish Island of St. Thomas recently for Santo Domingo. The Algonquin will return here and report the result of her search.

The gunboats Newport and Nashville have received orders to sail for Santo Domingo.

Gen. Morales, former president of Santo Domingo, will sail on the next French line steamer leaving here for St. Thomas, Danish West Indies. He denies knowledge of the reported organization of an expedition at St. Thomas, but says he will go back to Santo Domingo as soon as he receives advice that a general uprising against the government of President Caceres is imminent. He predicts a serious disturbance.

Gen. Morales admits his inability to accomplish what he desires to do in Puerto Rico, because of surveillance by enemies. He says he will oppose military occupation of Santo Domingo by the United States to the extent of taking up arms.

Cumberland in Session.

Decatur, Ill., Special.—The 76th annual meeting of the Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly was called to order by the stated clerk, Rev. J. M. Hulbert, of Marshall, Mo., presided in the absence of the moderator. The anti-unionists called a secret meeting Wednesday and another Friday. Reports were excluded. It is learned that they discussed a proposition to withdraw their injunction suit and it was unanimously decided that they owed it to their constituents to press the suit.

Shot in Self Defense.

Wallace, N. C., Special.—At 8.30 Thursday night Mr. G. L. Boney, policeman of this town, shot and killed in self-defense a negro desperate character, the latter being an ex-convict. The negro had violently cursed one of the merchants of the town in his store in the presence of his wife, and when Mr. Boney went to arrest him he resisted and drew and snapped his pistol at the policeman. The pistol failing to fire immediately, Mr. Boney shot and instantly killed the negro. The latter's name is Lewis Beatty Williams.

Cars Full of Freight Burned.

Petersburg, Special.—Four freight cars loaded with merchandise, standing on the connecting link of the Seaboard Air Line railroad, a short distance west of Petersburg, were destroyed by fire. The cars had just been transferred from the Norfolk and Western railroad. The loss is heavy.

Acquitted of Murder Charge.

Greenville, S. C., Special.—W. P. T. Rowley and Thomas Harrison, well-known young white men of this city, were acquitted of the charge of killing Ephraim Hall of Travelers Rest, this county. In a difficulty in a safe in Greenville March 3rd, young Hall was shot and killed and Rowley and Harrison were held on the charge of murder. The jury was out less than two hours. Rowley was sentenced to a term in the penitentiary several years ago for manslaughter, but was pardoned after serving a small part of his term.

The Dry Goods Market.

New York, Special.—Out of town buyers of importance were more frequent in the dry goods market and the reflection of seasonable weather with consequent diminution of retailers' stocks was evident in the business of the jobbers. Fine dress prints and gingham for the spring of 1907 were sold for prices showing an average advance of 10 per cent.

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